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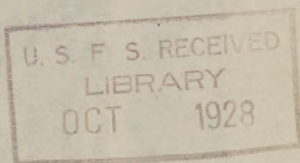
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ONCE DESPISED WOOD
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Not many years ago this scene could have had but one meaning - that these eastern hemlock logs had been stripped of their tanbark and left to rot. The bark strippers of twenty years ago would no doubt have ridiculed the thought that tree carcasses of the sort which they were leaving to decay would shortly be used to the last hand's breadth. Today, however, the tanbark, seen piled at the left, is regarded merely as a by-product and not as the only source of revenue. The logs are to be cut direct into small dimension stock for the manufacture of cases for electrical equipment. Under this method of utilization waste will be reduced to a minimum.

Closer utilization methods inevitably follow the waning of the supply of wood, but conservation measures are most effective if they are put into practice before they are enforced by dire necessity.

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